

Reorganization of office planned

Resignations plague business office

By Suzie Zillner
Editor

Two resignations and an administrative leave of absence in the University's business office last week have created plans to reorganize the department.

John Drummond, University comptroller, submitted his resignation Sept. 7 and Rod Hennegan, chief accountant, resigned Sept. 10. University Treasurer Don Henry is taking a six-month administrative leave at the request of President B.D. Owens.

Drummond and Hennegan's resignations are effective Sept. 28. Henry's leave began Sept. 12.

In the absence of Henry, Dr. John Mees, vice president of student development, will assume top administrative leadership in the business office.

Jeannette Solheim, a member of the business office staff, will serve as acting treasurer. Jim Wyant, director of financial aid, will temporarily fill the comptroller position. Ellen Mothershead, assistant director of financial aid, will assume Wyant's position on an acting basis.

Drummond, who resigned last week, said the July administration building fire added more pressure to his job.

"I had been putting in extra hours after the fire, so I resigned to allow more time with my family," Drummond said.

Drummond put in long hours for a number of reasons.

"It was really hectic," he said. "We were closing out last year's budget, starting this year's budget and formulating next year's budget," he said. "We were also in the process of putting in a new financial system. There just wasn't much end in sight and the fire put us way behind," he said.

Drummond doesn't blame the administration for the extra work hours which led to his resignation. "I'm not blaming anyone," he said. "I just wanted out."

Drummond said he had no idea why Owens requested Henry's leave of absence and declined to comment whether Henry's leave was requested at an appropriate time.

Henry's leave won't affect the business office, Drummond said.

"Henry didn't work in the business office itself when he was treasurer. So, as far as the business office is concerned, I don't think Henry's leave will have any effect on it at all," he said.

Drummond is not sure if there will be any more resignations in the business office. "The biggest problem right now is time," he said. "We're behind in getting things processed. Hopefully, the externally and internally exposed

pressure will be eliminated by time," he said.

In a Maryville Daily Forum newspaper article Sept. 13th, University Chief Accountant Hennegan told the Forum's editor: "Morale is a problem at the University and there is a lack of concern for the people and many people are overloaded to the point that they can not possibly carry out their duties." He also said the lack of concern is on the part of the administration.

Today, Hennegan refuses to make any more statements until his resignation becomes effective. Hennegan did, however, wish to correct a statement which also appeared in the Sept. 13th Daily Forum article.

"The article the University came back with stated that I was talking about working overtime since the fire," Hennegan said. "I just want to say that I've been working overtime for a year now. I was just worn out to the point of not enjoying my job," he said.

Hennegan said there was no "direct pressure" from the University for his refusal to comment further on his resignation. "I would just rather not say anything until I am finished at the University," he said.

University Treasurer Don Henry said Owens requested his leave after Hennegan and Drummond had resigned. Henry said the leave of absence request was "kind of a surprise to me at the time." Henry declined to comment why Owens requested the leave.

Henry said administrative leaves were established in 1971 by the Board of Regents, shortly after Henry came to the University.

"The policy allowed anyone at the dean's level or above to take a leave of three months after working at the institution for five years," Henry said. "I was coming up on 10 years, so I had six months coming. It is similar to the sabbatical leave taken by professors," he said.

Henry plans to attend some professional level schools and visit other institutions during his administrative leave. He will keep in touch with the University by checking regularly with his staff and secretary. "I'll just make sure everything is going on like it should," he said.

"As far as I'm concerned, it's a busy time to take my leave," Henry said. "But, according to the president, he says he can handle it. I'll be happy to come back in the spring after all the other budgets have been completed and start on the new budget," he said.

Henry said Hennegan and Drummond's statements of being overworked are valid.

"We've been really busy," Henry said. "I'm sure Owens was aware of what was going on this summer in the business office. He thought we were behind, and we were. Other than that, I

Position approved

By Suzie Zillner
Editor

A new administrative position, called vice president for financial affairs, was approved by the University Board of Regents Wednesday during their closed session.

The vice president position was proposed by President B.D. Owens to aid in the restructuring of the business and financial departments of the University. The departments are being restructured because of the sudden resignations of the University's chief accountant and comptroller.

The finance vice president will oversee the University's treasurer's position, Owens said. Forecasting, planning and budgeting are some areas which will be emphasized by the new vice president, Owens said.

The application deadline for the financial position was set Oct. 20. Owens said he hopes to have the position filled by Dec. 1. The Board is looking for an individual with an earned doctorate degree or Master's degree and five years of experience.

In other action, the Board approved the Faculty Senate's pass-fail proposal. The Senate's proposal prohibits pass-fail opportunities in all general education courses, education courses that lead to certification and courses in a student's particular major.

Dr. George English, vice president of academic affairs, told the Board that pass-fail was originally instigated to reduce student fears of failure or the lowering of academic grade points in unfamiliar course areas.

Dr. John Mees, vice president for student development, updated the Board on current enrollment figures. The 4,401 total student enrollment figures for this semester after the withdrawal period are nearly a five percent increase over comparable figures for the fall semester of 1978, Mees said.

The largest segment of that increase was in first-time freshman--1,121, or a 14.5 percent increase over last year's enrollment figures. Mees said.

Mees said campus residence halls

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Coed housing 'hopeful' next fall

By Don Reed
Staff writer

Proximity housing, a form of coed living is "hopeful" for the fall of 1980 at NWMSU, Cindy Baessler, IRC president, said.

Proximity housing is coed living on a floor-by-floor basis. Men and women would be joined in a single dormitory, living on alternate floors.

Baessler said that the outlook was good for this new plan for several reasons. First of all, surveys taken last year to determine student interest came back very positive. Results from the survey showed that students would stay in the dorms if the plan were put into effect, Baessler said. This point has been a major block in the past, according to Bruce Wake, director of housing. Wake said that the subject of coed living has been discussed for the past ten years and student response is good to the idea.

Wake and Mike Van Guilder, residents' life coordinator for the High Rise dormitories, both agreed that the High Rise facilities would be the most likely location for proximity housing. Wake said the major reason for this is due to the containment of the High Rise dorms. That is, they are not linked together like the North-South Complex and old girl dormitories are set up.

"Both Mike Van Guilder and Bruce Wake are very positive about the idea of proximity housing," Baessler said. She added that another good point for the plan is the large return of students to the dorms this year, over 75 percent, and also the increase in enrollment.

Van Guilder said the outlook was "promising" and that a finalized plan would be presented to the University president by Oct. 15.

Committee to organize 75th anniversary plans

By Bill Hayden
Staff writer

Next week a committee will be having a major meeting to get the activities in motion for the upcoming 75th anniversary of NWMSU.

The anniversary will be to commemorate the founding of NWMSU in 1905. The committee hopes to have the anniversary underway by March 1980 to coincide with the date the school was founded. The activities will last until the Homecoming of the 1980 school year.

"This will give the University the opportunity to commemorate a significant date in the school's history and also recommit itself towards the goal of higher education," said Bob Henry, committee member and director of News and Information.

NWMSU was founded after a long struggle to get a teachers' college

established in Northwest Missouri. The Missouri General Assembly of 1905 passed a bill creating the Normal School District No. 5 and the funds to establish the school.

Appropriations of \$90,000 were used by the first Board of Regents for the purchasing of land for the site of the school and the construction of buildings. The Board spent \$31,327 purchasing 86 1/2 acres for the school.

The college operated as a Normal School until 1919, when the name was changed to Northwest Missouri State Teachers' College and could grant bachelors degrees.

Twenty-six years later the Board of Regents, acting under the power of the 1945 General Assembly, changed the name of the school to Northwest Missouri State College.

During the 1953-54 school year, a

study of a graduate program that would lead to a MS in education was instituted. Graduate work leading to the degree was offered in the summer session of 1955, and the first Masters degree was given in 1957.

The University of Missouri established a graduate program for the M.Ed. degree in 1961 which led to the phasing out of the graduate program at Northwest for two years. Northwest entered a cooperative graduate program with the University of Missouri which lasted until the summer of 1968. Then all the graduate degrees offered by Northwest were awarded directly by the college.

The General Assembly of 1972 granted the college the authority to change the name of the school to Northwest Missouri State University.

Action taken on dormitory incident

By Don Reed
Staff writer

Two male students who were removed from Millikan Hall by the Maryville police 10 p.m., Sept. 12 will go before a faculty-staff hearing committee to answer to charges of harassment.

One RA said she was told by the two men if she didn't change her attitude, they would "beat her red." She was trying to keep the two men from

roaming the dormitory halls. Maryville police were called in to remove the men after the threat was made. One highway patrolman and two security officers helped escort the two men from Millikan.

Perrin and Hudson Halls have also reported harassment resulting from males roaming the halls. There have also been reports of men knocking on doors of female residents.

Phil Hayes, NWMSU Dean of

Students, refused to make any comment concerning the matter. Hayes did make several statements in a recent article in the St. Joseph News Press, but said he was a "reluctant participant" in that interview.

Hayes said it was University policy not to release any information on such matters in order not to jeopardize the hearings. He did say that the faculty-staff committee would hear testimony from everyone involved before taking any action.



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Town fly-in draws 1,500

Gerald Foster, left, and University administrators Dr. Peter Jackson and Dr. George English were three of the nearly 1,500 spectators who attended Sunday's fly-in at Jurgens Municipal Airport in Maryville. The Kwanis and the Maryville Flying Club sponsored the show, which featured air shows, parachuters, stunt pilots, airplane rides and a pancake breakfast.

Canchola wins election

Danny Canchola was elected freshman class president in Tuesday's election, and Senators elected were Becky Claytor and Bob Green.

Canchola won with 82 votes, while Claytor received 92 and Green, 95.

Three hundred freshmen, out of 1,192 showed up at polls. This is 25 percent above average, compared to past years, said President Roger Scarborough.

At the regular meeting of the Student Senate Tuesday night, the new officers were sworn into office, along with Deb Jones, Millikan Hall representative.

Other actions Tuesday include passing a motion for Tau Kappa Epsilon to sell Bearcat cups at the next home football game. Also passed was a motion for Phillips Hall to hold All-Star Wrestling in Lamkin Gym sometime in the future.

Assistantships funded

By Lori Atkins
Managing Editor

Seventeen NWMSU graduate students are currently participating in tutorial assistantships, at the cost of \$2,000 each this year to the University.

The 17 tutors will receive \$1,000 each semester, from money set aside by instructional funds, Dr. Peter Jackson, associate dean of faculties, said.

The tutorial assistantships are a new type of service offered by the University begun this year, geared primarily at freshman and some sophomores who have difficulties with general requirement courses. Tutors must spend a required 300 hours each semester tutoring students. The program was established by Jackson, Dean of Graduate School Leon Miller and Martha Cooper, coordinator of special programs and services.

This aid to students should help them stay in school and not drop out due to early problems in the required courses, Jackson said.

However, the program should also help graduate students financially, he said.

The 17 tutors were selected through interviews, letters of recommendation and a follow-up consultation by Jackson. Cooper also interviewed the students. To be eligible, the students were required to have a minimum GPA of 2.5 and must have earned an appropriate undergraduate degree from NWMSU before or by the end of the 1979 summer session. The student must have already been accepted to the University's graduate school also.

A two-week workshop was then held for the students, Aug. 28 through Sept. 7, with sessions for them to prepare to tutor undergraduates. These workshops included discussions by Cooper, Jackson, Miller and Dr. David Sundberg, of the campus counseling center.

Students who need help in certain general requirement courses can obtain help by contacting their division or department heads. However, instructors may recommend students seek tutoring, or the student may contact the instructor of the course he is having problems with. The instructor should have access to a list of tutors who can help them in that area. Instructors have been given tutoring referral sheets, which are to be submitted to the academic divisional forms. These sheets include many forms, including a time schedule for the student's tutoring, a tutoring checklist, an assignment sheet, a faculty question-

naire and a final evaluation given by the student on his experience with his tutor.

Although the program has set goals and ways to obtain those goals, Jackson said he is unsure what the results of the tutorial assistantships will be. He and

Cooper will evaluate the program in April to see what effect it will have had on students.

"We won't know the results until we get through the year," Cooper said.

As for the value of the project, she said that is not the main issue.

"We don't put the dollar value on something," she said. "It will help them not be so frightened and give the class a chance. That would save the University a lot of money."

Cooper said that many times students drop courses after they do poorly on the first test, rather than staying in the class and working out the difficulties.

So far the program has had no problems, but the semester is just getting started, Cooper said.

"There'll probably be problems this week," she said.

In an effort to help the tutors with these problems, a weekly meeting of the tutors is held. The tutors will use these meetings to discuss the problems that they have been faced with and possible solutions. Also, if tutors should have personality clashes with their assigned students, one of the other tutors can switch with him. And, if a student is having difficulties in more than one area, he can be tutored by any other of the 17 tutors who may be more knowledgeable in the field than his original tutor.

"We're providing a service to students with academic problems," Jackson said. "We want to keep the students in school who just need a little help."

"We want to make students aware of the program," Jackson said. "Anything we can do to help, we want to do that. And tutoring is just another step for that. We're hoping it will take hold and the students will utilize it. But, it's only as good as the student using it."

"A student can, even if the instructor recommends it, refuse the tutoring," Jackson said.

Students currently tutoring in the program are Peter Arendt, Elizabeth Ceperley, Dale Danielson, Marsha Donovan, Theodore Goudge, Chris Igodan, Brian Koerble, Scott Krieger, Isaac Mariera, Kathy Morgan, Philip Mothershead, Thomas Mussallem, Randy O'Connell, Joyce Smith, Gregory Sosso, Bruce Thompson and Joan Tuinstra.

WEATHER

Partly cloudy through the weekend with a chance of showers Friday and Sunday. Highs to mid 80s. Lows to mid 50s.

Campus Briefs

Parents day scheduled Sept. 29

Parents Day is Sept. 29, and will be highlighted by parent registration, lunch, and the Bearcat vs. University of Central Arkansas football game. Registration cost \$2.50 per parent, and does include a ticket to the football game.

Riders to bike 50 miles

Bicyclists interested in the half century (50 miles) ride, will meet at 6 a.m., Sept. 23, at the Hitching Post for breakfast and registration. Riders should bring food (fresh fruit), water, spare tubes, and a pump. Bicycle touring meets at 1 p.m. every Sunday, campus Bell Tower. For more information contact Richard Landes, Cauffield Hall.

Alpha Tau Alpha seeks members

Any agriculture education major wishing to join Alpha Tau Alpha fraternity, should contact Dr. Marvin Hoskey, in the Agriculture Mechanics Building, before Oct. 1.

Fry, May publishes series

Two NWMSU professors have had books selected for inclusion in "Gothic studies," a series to be published by Arno Press, Inc., a New York Times company.

Included in the 37-volume series will be "Charlotte Smith: Popular Novelist," written by Dr. Carrol Fry, chairman of NWMSU's English department, and "Parodies of the Gothic Novel," written by Dr. Leland May, NWMSU associate professor of English.

Swimming Club to conduct clinics

Men and women interested in another area of swimming are invited to participate in the Sigma Phi Dolphin swim club.

Instruction clinics will be held on Thursday evenings from 7 - 8:30 p.m. Sept. 27, Oct. 4 and Oct. 11. The clinics are conducted to teach the basic movements, acquaint the beginner with synchronized swimming, and find potential synchronized swimmers to be selected and invited to join Sigma Phi Dolphin.

Experience in advanced swimming skills or synchronized swimming is not necessary.

College of Education to host conference

A conference on "Mental Health Services for Schools and Children" will be held by NWMSU's College of Education, Sept. 26 from 9:30 a.m. until noon in the Maple Room of the Union.

The conference will deal primarily with the behaviorally disordered child. There is no registration fee for the conference but those interested in attending should contact Dr. Gerald Wright, College of Education, NWMSU.

ROTC enrollment increases

Major Rob Sauve, executive officer of NWMSU's ROTC unit, has announced a 1979 fall semester ROTC enrollment representing a 188 percent increase over the 1978 fall enrollment.

Sauve said that currently 141 students are enrolled in ROTC classes compared to 49 in the fall of 1978, which was the first semester for ROTC on the Maryville campus.

Also, some 50 students will tour the Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and float on the Gasconade River, Sept. 20-22.

Security to issue violation tickets

Security has stated beginning Sept. 24, parking violation tickets will be issued to cars with an off-campus sticker, illegally parked in Lot 7 behind Hudson, Perrin, and Roberts Halls. Off-campus stickers are assigned to the parking lot behind the Christ Way Inn, Walnut and Seventh St.

Bush tags waste-to-energy plan as \$2 million conservation effort

By Debbie Pule
Staff Writer

Converting waste to energy is a \$2 million project NWMSU has been planning since January.

"It is simply something that for so long we have been playing games with it, hiding it, not thinking about it and now that we are short of energy there is a tremendous resource we have right here," said Dr. Robert Bush, chairman of the project. "It can burn household refuse, railroad ties and coal."

The waste-eliminating idea is not new around the world, Bush said. It was originated for the University by Dwight Branson, who was looking for ways to get rid of the old incinerator in order to use the building located in the physical plant area for something else.

"This is a system where you take ordinary trash that comes from the back of your house or an industry and is brought in regular trash compactor trucks and dumped on a concrete floor inside a building. The trash then is forced into a hopper. A hopper has thrusters in it that take the trash into the burning chamber with controlled temperature and rate of burning that keeps the pollution down," Bush said.

"Then it goes into a second stage of burning. The first stage of burning is about 1600 degrees Fahrenheit. The second stage is around 2200 degrees Fahrenheit. And you take the heat energy and convert that into steam. That steam is used for hot water on the campus and for air conditioning," he said.

Not only does this system reduce energy problems, but it also reduces waste in Maryville's landfill or dump, Bush said.

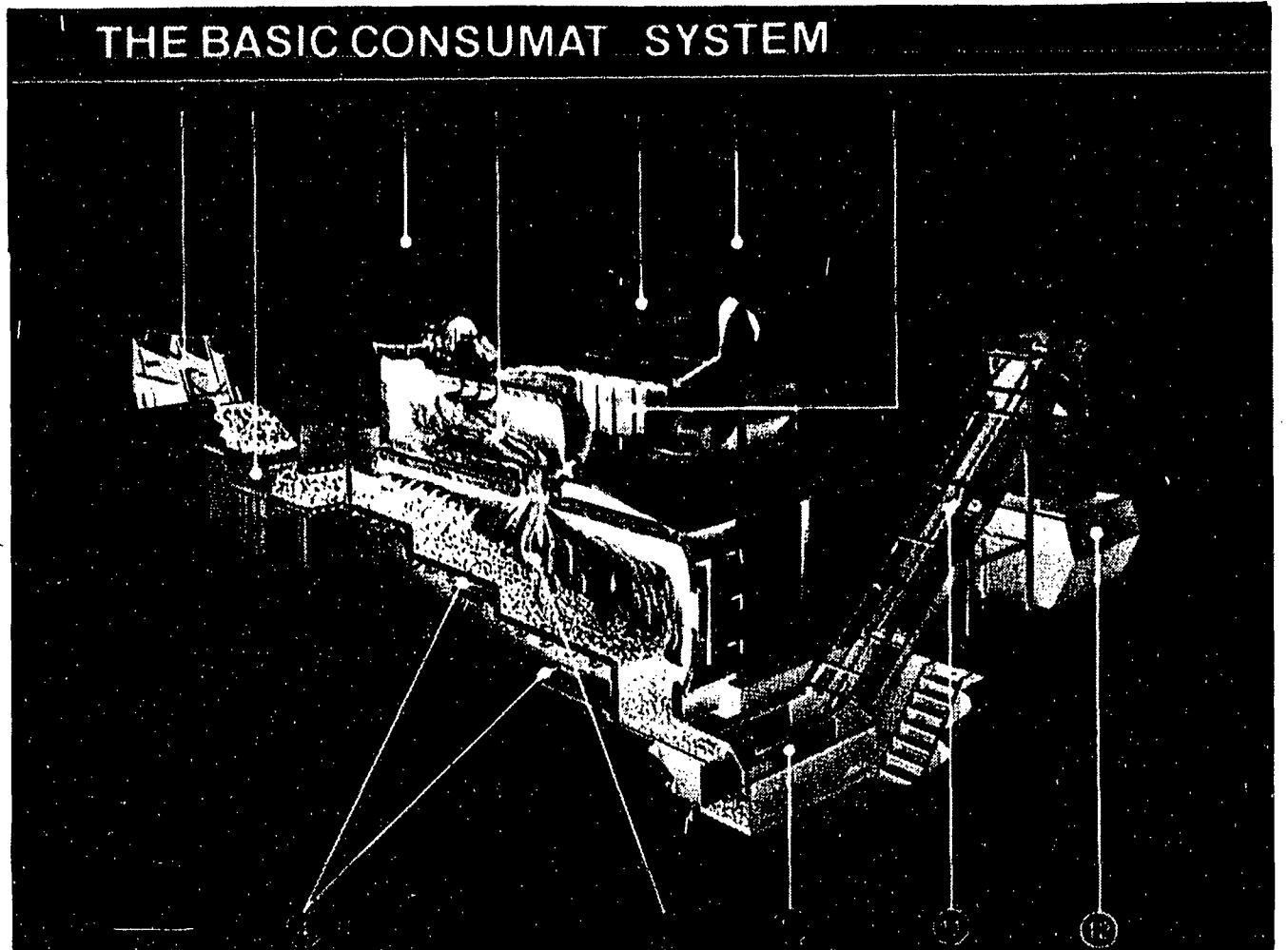
"When you burn this material, you get about five percent solids. You start off with 2,000 pounds of rubbish and you end up with about 100 pounds of solid waste that is sterile," he said.

This sterile waste can be built on after it is back in the landfill, unlike the original garbage which needs 15 to 20 years before it is safe to build on.

"It is just really exciting that you can solve the problem of landfill and also energy needs," Bush said.

"But, our task now and in the fall is to clarify how we're going to fund the project, rather than going to go to the state and ask for the \$2 million," he said.

Funding arrangements have not totally been worked out yet. Besides asking the state for \$2 million in



The above cutaway view of the CONSUMAT waste-to-energy module shows how material and hot gas flows are controlled to provide steam from solid waste. A skid steer tractor [1] pushes waste to the automatic loader [2]. The loader then automatically injects the waste into the gas production chamber [3] where transfer rams [4] move material slowly through the system. The high temperature environment in the gas production chamber is provided with a controlled quantity of air so gases from the process are not burned in this chamber but fed to the upper or pollution control chamber [5]. The gases are mixed with air and controlled, then entered into the heat exchanger [6] where steam is produced. A steam separator [7] ensures high quality steam. The dump stack is No. 9, the wet slump is No. 10, where inert material is ejected and conveyed [11] into a closed container [12] to be hauled to a landfill.

appropriations, the committee can go out and bond for the money, though the laws have to be changed somewhat, or a loan from a lending agency of some kind has been considered.

"If we have to change the law and the governor has indicated he's more than happy to do that for us, that will take time. We are probably talking about not doing any bidding until July 1," Bush said.

"If we can comply with all the state funding requirements, we might be able to bid within the next 60 days. But, it's something we have to be very careful with not to put the University or state in a situation of a repayment program that jeopardizes the law which explicitly states no agency can obligate the state-paid bills next year," he said.

After the initial bidding process, the

project could be completed in about a year and a half, which Bush said is a conservative figure.

The year and a half would include nine to 10 months to make the equipment, then construct the building around the equipment and send for licenses for the landfill and the incinerator.

Demolishing the old building, the equipment and then tying that equipment into the existing power plant system is listed within the \$2 million.

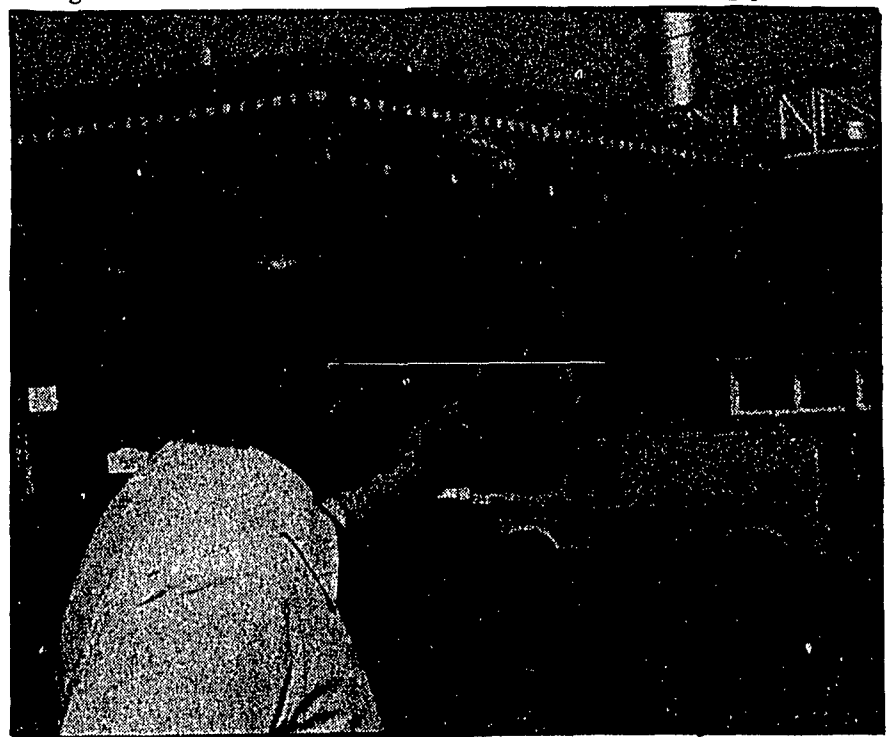
Besides the cost being a disadvantage, the added traffic to the campus streets is a fault, Bush said.

"Probably 20 more trucks will be traveling on campus a day and will add wear and tear to the street, besides noise pollution. Also you can not burn 100 percent combustion without getting some pollutants in the air," Bush said.

"Without a doubt, the advantages outweigh the disadvantages of the effect of the environmental problems and economically," said Bush. "We have got to solve our energy problem somehow. You can't just keep talking about a million dollar gas bill every couple of years for the University, not counting fuel, oil, gasoline or electricity," he said.

"If we could burn all the solid waste that we have in the United States, we could take care of all our residential lighting needs. In other words, we could get \$4 billion worth of electricity out of it," Bush said.

"Another advantage is the project brings the community closer to the campus. This is what the Governor's people and legislators are so excited about because here is a state agency and a municipality cooperating to solve a mutual problem," Bush said.



Dr. Robert Bush, vice-president for environmental development, describes where the new waste disposal system will be located. (left) The new system will eliminate a large amount of waste that is deposited at the Maryville Sanitation landfill. (right)



Business office resignations

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don't know what the president's feelings were," he said.

Henry said he doesn't think there will be any more resignations in the business office.

"Dr. Mees has told the office to back off and not work as hard," Henry said. "That way, maybe they can cope with the problems and not be under quite so much pressure," he said.

The decision to request Henry's administrative leave came for several reasons, Owens said.

"I felt Henry needed to take a leave at this point," he said. "The decision was partially a health concern matter, but it was also a personal matter with Henry," Owens said.

Owens said he agreed that some business office employees had been overworked this summer.

"Following the fire, people put in additional time. This added to the pressures of finishing last year's budget and preparing for October's budget," he said.

However, Owens said he was not alerted to the additional overwork pressure which Hennegan said had been going on for the past year.

"I regret that these people were put in this position," Owens said. "Earlier, I asked some people to interview their employees to find out what their feelings were on different things. I talked to someone the other day who

said he wished he had spoken up earlier," Owens said.

Maryville Board of Regents member Dr. Harold Poynter said Owens called him last Wednesday after Henry's leave of absence was announced.

A two-year member, Poynter said the two resignations could have come at better times. "Those things just don't always work out," Poynter said.

"I hadn't heard of the overwork complaints prior to the resignations, but I'm sure it's possible the business office was overworked," Poynter said. "I don't really know how they kept things in operation as well as they did," he said.

Poynter said Owens told him several reasons for giving Henry the administrative leave.

"I don't recall all the reasons Owens said entered into his decision; but I thought Henry indicated that his time was coming and that he wanted to take on some additional work study. Whether the timing was for our best interest right now, I can't really say," Poynter said.

"Other board members may have different views, but I think the morale's been really high," Poynter said. "Enrollment is up and things are going pretty good in spite of all the problems. There are always going to be people who aren't happy with some things. You've just got to expect it," he said.

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Viewpoint

Administration losing credibility

Since the Administration Building fire, the administration has been steadily losing its credibility with the media.

In the past three months, four important University staff members have resigned. In responding to questions about the resignations, administrative spokesmen have frequently refused to comment. "No comment" statements leave many questions unanswered, allowing rumors to provide the answers.

It is the local media's responsibility to inform its audience on the news of the University. As taxpayers, the public should be concerned with the operation of NWMSU, and it can only learn from the information provided by the media.

When the administration refuses to comment on important issues, it begins to lose respect from its public. If an employee is asked to resign by the University for reasons of poor management, the public has a right to know why. If an employee simply resigns for his own reasons, then this should be made clear so the story can be forgotten.

Last week, President Owens gave Don Henry, University Treasurer, a six-month leave of absence. Henry, who said the leave came as a surprise to him, refused to disclose why Owens requested the leave of absence. Owens, however, said the decision to request Henry's leave was for Henry's own health and personal reasons. Yet, another opinion came from Maryville Board of Regents member, Dr. Harold Poynter. Poynter said the leave was coming to Henry because he had the accumulated time. Someone is not providing straight answers.

Prior to Henry's leave of absence, two University business office heads resigned within a three-day period. After blaming the administration for its lack of concern in the business office as reported in a Maryville **Daily Forum** article Sept. 13, Rod Hennegan, chief accountant, now refuses to comment on his resignation until it is effective Sept. 28.

The two resignations and Henry's leave of absence may have been coincidental. However, when the administration continues to change its answers and refuses to comment on other questions, the media can not help but wonder if there is a cover up.

If the administration would answer the media's questions truthfully, it would retain credibility. But, by giving the media the runaround, trust in the administration is lost--and the public is left in the dark.

Suzie Zillner/Editor

THE STROLLER

While walking home from the library, yours Truly is still pondering on the subject of who invented stacks. I have concluded that whoever contrived such a structure intended it for some purpose similar to that of a rat maze in a scientific laboratory. I wonder where that hunk who lured me into the stacks disappeared.

Hey, what is that hissing sound? If I didn't know better, I would swear that I just got lassoed! I know I'm a desirable creature, but gee whiz! I better find out what is going on.

After working my way from the loop that contains my beautiful bod to the end of the rope being held by this dude in a cowboy hat, I nonchalantly inquire the reason why this rope dropped over my head while, as usual, I was minding my own business. Would you believe that this cowboy fellow just had the nerve to admit that he mistook me, your Stroller, for this THING called a "roping dummy"? How anyone could confuse me with some kind of a dummy is beyond me, but because this guy is about twice my size, I decide to forget the whole thing and forgive him.

This guy just can't let well enough alone, though; he asks me if I want to try my hand at roping that THING. With my great coordination and ability to master a skill quickly I decide to give it a try. After all, how difficult could capturing an inanimate object be? If I get good enough, maybe I can even catch a date!

I carefully listen to the instructions. Okay, this should be easy; all I have to do is make a loop in the rope, twirl it a few times, and let go. Look out, John Wayne!

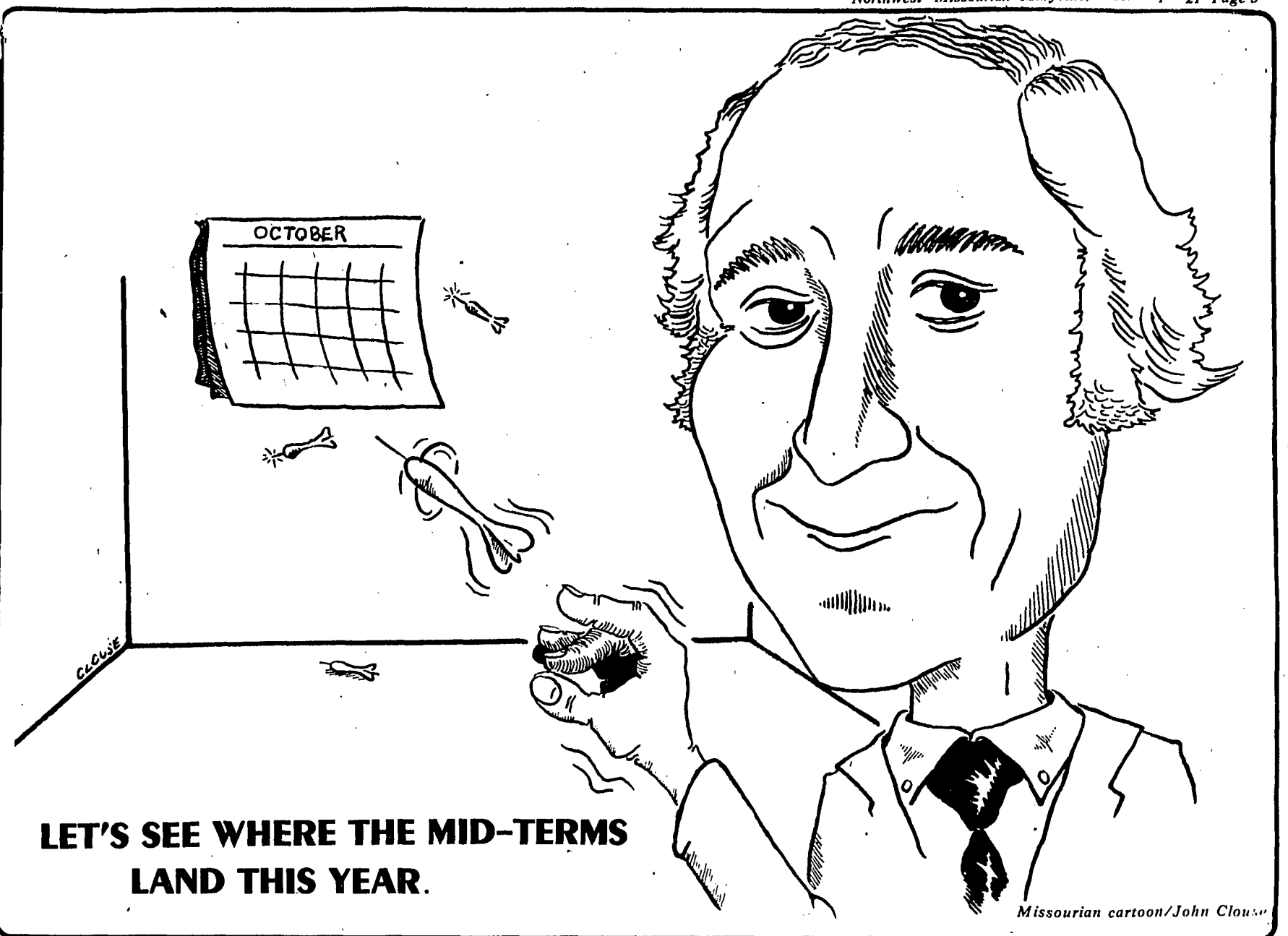
Hey! I almost got it! Yeah, I knew I was supposed to hold on to the rope when I threw it. I was just testing you. Okay, take two. Well, excu-u-se me! Nobody told me that I had to watch out for tripping over the rope.

Never fear you Stroller fans. Remember that the third time is a charm. Okay, number three, work your magic! Wow! I caught something! Wait a minute; I'm pulling on the rope, but that dummy isn't moving. Uh-oh. I think my lasso boomeranged. I roped the wrong dummy.

caused. We look forward to membership in the IFC and to doing our best to strengthen the fraternity system here by our active participation.

Sincerely,
Mark Hereford/Recorder
Fred Barta/President
Sigma Phi Epsilon Colony

Editors:
As many people have heard, the forming of our Sigma Phi Epsilon Colony has caused a major commotion here at Northwest. We would like to take this opportunity to express our regret about this situation and apologize for the inconvenience our forming has



Tutors available to help undergraduates

After experiencing their first increase in enrollment for some time, University officials have devised a plan to help keep students enrolled at NWMSU.

Through the use of tutorial assistantships, the University has 17 graduate students, all of which are above-average students, to tutor students who may be struggling through general requirement courses.

Although these tutors will mean a \$34,000 expenditure of University funds, officials are hopeful the program will be worth it. Students, during their first two years of college, experience problems with the required courses, including bioscience, math, English and history. Once they have trouble in these areas, they begin to seriously doubt that college is for them. So they quit college.

But now the tutors are there to help. Students will no longer have to struggle by themselves. A graduate student, who feels competent in the area of studies, will be available to aid them. He will be able to answer

questions for the student, and give the student a one-to-one concept of the class.

The student will no longer be a flunkie--a person the instructor can pass off as being incapable of understanding the material. He can be helped, and with this new program, he will be helped--if he will just admit he has a problem and will accept that help.

Those who organized the program at NWMSU have done all they can to help the student. Now the student must take the initiative. If, after doing poorly on that first test, the student does not go to his instructor or advisor and admit the problem, then it is hopeless for the University to try to form more ways to help the student. Officials can't be totally responsible for the education students receive.

University officials are here to lead, and it is up to the students to follow, and in effect, become leaders by learning to follow.

Lori Atkins/Managing Editor

Phillips Hall should solve problems within

Phillips Hall--zoo or dormitory?

Although Phillips Hall is a men's dormitory on campus, many visitors might say that animals, not students, live there. The general appearance of the dorm is disgraceful.

I have never seen such disrespect for a building. The staff and residents of Phillips apparently have no pride in their dorm.

If you have ever visited Phillips Hall, you know what problems exist. You might think all men's dormitories are in bad shape. This is true, compared with the women's facilities, but Phillips Hall is exceptionally bad.

This semester on Phillips' sixth floor alone, two windows have been broken, a wall partition kicked in, and a wall partially knocked out. The bathrooms are usually filthy and the elevators are filled with trash. Most of the dorm's condition may be blamed on a few immature college students.

The staff of Phillips Hall is not controlling the immature behavior. It may be a tough job to watch over

some 250 to 300 college men, but they must try. An effort must be made to control such loose behavior and action should be taken against the vandals.

The dorm is also poorly run. The desk is often left unattended, inconveniencing everyone. Visitors have difficulty finding people, residents can not get money changed and the mail can't be picked up when the desk is closed.

Of course, the head resident is not paid to babysit the residents of Phillips, but he should be attentive to problems in the dorm. Presently, no visible solutions are being worked on or discussed to solve some of these problems. If such solutions are discussed in the future, however, residents should be allowed to contribute to the solution-making committee.

Both Phillips Hall residents and staff members should meet immediately to solve these embarrassing problems. Surely there must be a smidgen of pride beneath the wild exterior of the men of Phillips Hall.

Don Reed/Staff Writer

Board of Regents meeting

(Continued from page 1)

and campus dining at the University also increased over last fall's totals. Currently, 2,365 students are living in campus residence halls for an increase of 11.3 over last year's figures. A 7.9 percent increase in food contract purchases also was reported by Mees.

The Board also heard reports from Steve Easton and Max Harris, University maintenance heads. The two reported on their August fire and safety investigation of the campus.

Harris told the Board that all remaining repairs and corrections will be made in the next couple weeks.

"The remaining work is not an immediate danger or real hazard to anyone," Harris told the Board. "We are a much safer campus today, but we'll never be satisfied with ourselves since the fire," he said.

The Board also recommended that the Kansas City Architect Design Collaborative firm, who worked on last year's Administration Building's Phase III program, retain a \$20,000 maximum preliminary report on the Administration Building's reconstruction alternatives. The preliminary report will be presented to the Governor Dec. 1.

Board of Regents members are President Alfred McKemy, Hardin; J. Norvel Saylor, Maryville; John Dunlap, Stewartville; Dr. Harold Poynter, Maryville; Welton Ideker, Mound City; and Mary Linn, Princeton.

Wednesday's Regents meeting was the first for Saylor, who replaces former

Regent President E.D. Geyer. Linn was unable to attend Wednesday's meeting. The next Board of Regents meeting has been scheduled for Nov. 28.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Steppin' out

Boxing films 'knock out' local theaters

By Janice Corder
Entertainment Editor

In movie annals to come, 1979 may be referred to as the "Year of the Boxing Movie", with hits such as *Rocky II*, *The Main Event*, and *The Champ*. This week Maryville offers two of these "knock-outs" with *The Main Event*, showing for one week only at the Tivoli and *Rocky II* held over another week at the Missouri Theater.

The Main Event, debuting at 8 p.m., Sept. 21, is a slapstick, love story, starring Barbra Streisand and Ryan O'Neal. The film reunites O'Neal and

Streisand for the first time since *What's Up Doc?* This is also Streisand's first film since *A Star Is Born* and changes styles back to her earlier, fast-talking, flighty leading lady.

In the comedy, Streisand plays a wealthy perfume manufacturer who finds herself without assets except the contract of a retired prizefighter, played by O'Neal. O'Neal thinks he has given up fighting for good, until his phantom manager decides she will manage him to success and her back into the money. The story gets crazier as Streisand goes to extremes to get her prizefighter back

into championship contention as her fighter tries desperately to stay away from his woman manager and out of the ring.

The Main Event also stars Whitman Mayo as O'Neal's trainer-manager and Paul Sand as Streisand's ex-husband. Admission is \$2.50 and the movie is rated PG.

Due to audience response, *Rocky II* will be showing again at 8 p.m., this week at the Missouri Theater. Admission is \$2.

A Burt Reynolds classic, *Smokey and the Bandit*, is playing this week at the South Cinema Drive-in. The movie follows the Reynold's "tough Southern lover" line and also stars Sally Field, Jerry Reed, Jackie Gleason, Paul Williams and Pat McCormick. In *Smokey and the Bandit* Reynolds and Reed play a couple of good ole boys who are out bootlegging to win a bet.

During the course of the show, the two pick up a girl in a wedding dress, played by Field, and are chased across several states by an outraged sheriff, played by Gleason. And of course this means there will be lots of highway action for the car chase fans.

The drive-in opens at 8 p.m. and the show starts at dusk. Admission is \$2 and the movie is rated PG.

Instead of a movie this week, Union Board will present Larry Miller from the Comic Strip at 8 p.m., Sept. 21 in the Spanish Den. The Comic Strip is a group of comedians from New York. Admission is free.

A Water Carnival, sponsored by IRC, will be at 1:30 p.m., Sept. 22 in College Pond. Events include yacht competitions, inner tube relays with Greeks and independents, and a greased watermelon contest. Send entries to Water Ragatta, 701 Phillips Hall. There is no entry fee.

The same night, IRC will also sponsor a "Last Fall of the 70's Dance" from 8-11 p.m. in the ballroom of the Student Union. Johnny O' will provide the music and admission is free. The dance will include lights, a mirror ball and lasers.

The Hitching Post also offers entertainment with Terri McPheeters, a piano player, appearing Sept. 19-22, through the dinner hour.



Burt Reynolds picks up Sally Field, a hitch-hiking bride on the run, in *Smokey and the Bandit*, at the South Cinema Drive-In.

Priorities important to drama student

By Debbie Garrett
Staff writer

Mary Kay McDermott, senior assistant director of the fall play, believes that setting priorities is the most important thing for students to do.

"A student should figure out right away what he wants as far as an education," said McDermott. "You've got to know what you want, and if you know what you want then you can work your schedule around or your times and classes or partying around and set your priorities."

McDermott is planning a career in the field of theater. It didn't start out this way for her, though. When McDermott first came to NWMSU, she planned to major in broadcasting.

During her first year, she tried out for the play "Dark of the Moon" in which she received the lead role. From that point, she "jumped in with both feet" into theater. McDermott said that she made a lot of friends in the department because of it.

McDermott's ultimate goal is to get involved in acting and directing at a professional level. Other plans are to teach and direct at the college level.

One difference between McDermott and others is that she has only attended three years of college. This is because she took a CLEP test and skipped her freshman year. Having had a brother attend NWMSU, McDermott also knew her way around. Because of this, she never really was a freshman at all.

On campus McDermott is involved in many things. She is a member of Alpha Psi Omega, the honorary theater fraternity, a member of the dance club, Orchestis, and on the Forensics squad. In Forensics, she participates in prose and poetry and dramatic interpretation. McDermott also is assistant director for the fall play "The Rivals". In the later play, "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof", she will be playing the part of Big Mama.

Besides all these activities, she still finds time to attend as many school events as possible.

"If the theater department wants support, the only way they're going to get it from other people is for us to support those departments that they're in."

Life hasn't been all roses for McDermott, though.

"I've had my failures and I'm glad I have. I've made so many mistakes. I don't regret any of them."



Two members of the St. Louis Brass Quintet concentrate during a performance Sept. 17 at the Charles Johnson Theater. The concert was the first in a Performing Arts Series this year.

REO keeps rockin' with 'Nine Lives'

By Janice Corder
Entertainment Editor

With more and more straight rock and roll bands experimenting with disco, it's refreshing to see that REO's new album still hasn't sold out.

In their latest album, "Nine Lives", REO proves they are still the hard-rocking band from the Midwest. Close comparison of "Nine Lives" with the group's previous albums makes REO look like they could be in a rut, but hardcore Speedwagon fans and just plain rock and rollers will find a lot to like.

A noticeable difference in "Nine Lives" and also the group's last album, "You Can Tune A Piano, But You Can't Tune A Fish", is the cleaner sound by the band. Obviously, the group has matured over the years. The music has a sharper, more professional sound that comes when a band has played together several years and through several albums.

Hard-driving rock is the main theme of the album with rockers like "Heavy on Your Love" or "Take Me". The album even contains a remake of the Beatles

classic, "Rock and Roll Music". Not all remakes sound very good, especially a Beatles follow-up, but REO handles this one decently.

One cut that stands out on the album is "Easy Money", a fast, story-telling song, with a Mexican flavor. It tells the sad tale of an ambitious band member who decides to make a little extra money by smuggling dope across the border. Finally, he is caught at the last minute and to top off his jail sentence, the arresting official even scratches his dope-filled guitar.

"I Need You Tonight" is the album's token ballad. For dishing out such hard rock, REO always comes back with a sad, romantic song to break up the sameness. But don't expect REO's mellow songs to be very mellow--you still can't slow dance to this one.

"Nine Lives" is one of REO's better releases, but there seems to be something missing. Speedwagon fans will notice the absence of any "flying trot" songs, such as "Flying Turkey Trot" or "Flying Tuna Trot". In fact, the album is lacking in the improvisation and "partying" REO is famous for.

Of course, with a group that's been around as long as REO, the band can begin to sound a little repetitious. A few cuts on "Nine Lives" sound like

cuts on previous Speedwagon albums, but that's forgivable. A couple of the songs are fairly routine, but overall the album is more than worth listening to.

Rock trivia Do you know Nugent?

By Ben Holder
Trivia Expert

This motor city mad man will definitely blow you right out of your concert arena seat. Ted Nugent, relying on heavy feedback and general boogie woogie rock and roll, has become a consistently good concert draw. Nugent and his machine gun rock have been around for several years. See how well you know the man who performs onstage "gonzolectemies".

(1) In what Midwest city did Ted Nugent get his original rock and roll footholds?

(2) What was the name of Nugent's first group?

(3) The first hit for Nugent and his vicious band came in 1968 and it concerned a trip through the inner self. Can you name the song?

(4) The late sixties and early seventies proved to be the musical doldrums for Nugent. Things took an upturn, though, in 1975 when he signed with a new record organization. With what record company did Nugent sign, what was the record called, and what Nugent classic is the first song on that album?

(5) Nugent finally received wide public acclaim in 1976 with an album that defined his musical style "purr"-fectly. Can you name the album?

- (6) Nugent rock and rolls, no doubt about it. But, (bite my tongue) he did show a mellower side on "Survival of the Fittest" released in the late sixties, with a song about his daughter. What is his daughter's name?
- (7) Since joining the new record company in 1975, Nugent has released one live album, that being "Double Live Gonzol". Strangely enough, only two cuts on that album were from his preceding hit, "Cat Scratch Fever". What were those two songs, that are back to back on side four?
- (8) What kind of guitar does Nugent use?
- ANSWERS**
1. Detroit.
 2. The Amboy Dukes.
 3. "Journey Through the Center of the Mind".
 4. Epic, "Ted Nugent", "Stranglehold".
 5. "Cat Scratch Fever".
 6. Sasha.
 7. "Cat Scratch Fever" and "Wang Dang Sweet Poontang".
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SPORTS

'Cats look to Fort Hayes for win

With the weight of a 15 game losing streak on their shoulders, the Bearcat football squad travels to Fort Hayes State this Saturday to battle the Tigers for their first win.

"The team definitely needs success, right now," said Jim Redd, head coach.

"Much improvement is being shown and our intention is to win. I believe we can and the team believes we can."

Fort Hayes, who will enter the contest with a 1-1 record, is under a new coach

but returns several solid players from last year, including full back Wes Alstatt and tackle Justin Marchel.

Redd believes the 'Cats may have a slight weight advantage over the Tigers, although they play very aggressively.

"Physically they are not as big as the other teams we have played so far," said Redd.

"Their offense executes well and we expect a lot of passing. Defensively,

they have an even front. They do jump around a lot which can lure the other team into mistakes," he said.

To win, Redd believes improvement must be shown in the area of the specialty teams.

"Our specialty teams do 90 percent well," he said. "It's just that in the other ten percent, we're really getting hurt."

Mark Smith, who was out with a shoulder injury last week, is hoped to be

able to quarterback, but as of now Redd is still not sure.

"He is looking better but it is very hard to tell at this point," said Redd. "Both Mark and Dave (Toti) will practice at the position."

Several injuries played a major role in the 36-0 defeat of the 'Cats at the hands of the Nebraska-Omaha Mavericks last week.

Toti, starting safety, took over at quarterback for Smith who was run off the road by a car while riding his bike.

It was Toti's first time filling the lead position in his college career. He picked up 31 yards rushing and passed for 33. As a team Northwest totaled only 77 ground yards and 39 air yards.

"I think Dave did a real good job," Redd said. "He is an elusive runner and ran well in the game. Mark may have an edge over him in the passing area at this point in time, but Dave has definitely improved."

"It takes a lot of dedication on Dave's part to practice and perform at both positions," said Redd.

Toti admits to being more than slightly nervous after finding out he would have to quarterback.

"I was real nervous before the game," said Toti. "But Coach Redd told me, 'You can do it, Dave. I know you can because Coach Gerdemann said you could.' Coach Gerdemann was my high school coach and when Coach Redd said that it sort of settled me down a little."

Other switches that were made include the substitution of Jim Shemwell for the injured Charlie White at noseguard, Jay Nower, a regular offensive tackle, for the injured Kip Springer at defensive tackle, and Kurt Suchomel who filled in for Nower at offensive tackle. Jeff Conway took over for Toti at the safety position.

"Injuries really had a rippling effect on the team," said Redd. "But I was more than pleased with all the substitutions. We found out that we



A host of Bearcats pounce on a UNO player. The defense held the Mavericks to just 133 rushing yards and 105 passing yards. Missourian photo/Cheryl Krell

have a lot more depth in the different positions."

UNO was only ahead 8-0 in the first half. Northwest's defense allowed just 37 yards total offense and UNO's points came on a ten yard touchdown drive which was set up by one of Toti's two pass interceptions and a blocked punt which landed in the end zone for a safety.

The first of UNO's second half scores came when Adrian Johnson fumbled a punt inside the 'Cats' own ten yard line and it was recovered in the end zone by UNO.

A fumble recovery, set up UNO's

longest scoring drive, while failure to convert on a fourth and one situation started another. A good punt return was the beginning of the Maverick's last touchdown.

Leaders in the Bearcat defense which kept the Mavericks to just 133 rushing yards and 105 passing yards (UNO usually averages 138 rushing and 155.5 passing) included Rick Tate with 11 tackles; Al Cade with 16 tackles; Wayne Allen with six tackles, a forced and recovered fumble, a pass broken up and a pass interception; Lance Corbin with 13 tackles; and Greg Lees with six tackles and his first interception.



Playing quarterback for the first time in his college career, Dave Toti runs downfield, during the UNO game. Toti replaced

Mark Smith who was sidelined with a shoulder injury. The 'Cats lost 36-0. Missourian photo/Cheryl Krell

Cross country takes fifth at Iowa State

"We didn't do so bad and we weren't blown out by the top teams from our region," said Richard Alsop of the Bearcat cross country performance at the Iowa State open last Saturday at Ames, Iowa.

NWMSU finished with 148 points, good enough for a fifth place finish in the meet. Iowa State won the meet with 33 points.

Bob Kelchner was the highest finisher for the 'Cats as he finished 19th in the five mile run--with a time of 25:48. Other finishers for NWMSU were Steve Klatte and Brian Mupley who finished 43rd and 50th.

In the Wesleyan open the 'Cats finished third with 65 points. The meet was won by Kearney State with 49 points.

Dave Montgomery was the top finisher for the 'Cats. He had a good day, as he finished second with a time of 19:43 in the four mile run. Chriss Ross and Steve Sprague were the other point producers for Northwest.

Alsop said that "even though we

were not at full strength for both meets, I thought we did pretty good."

This Saturday NWMSU hosts the quad-state high school boys and girls cross country invitational. All of the teams that won their division are expected to return to try to win and defend their titles.

Alsop added that, "We ought to have a large group of teams in the medium and small schools and we are looking forward to the meet."

The meet gets underway at 10:45 with the women starting off and the men getting underway soon after.

Rivalry plays role in intramurals

flag football portion of NWMSU's intramurals.

The games are set for Monday-Thursday evenings with three games per night. The first game starts at 4:15 and the other two follow at 5:15 and 6:15 respectively.

With approximately 32 games a week being scheduled, Doug Peterson, intramural director is kept busy arranging games and posting standings for the flag football.

A lot of students not participating in the intramurals still come out to support their teams.

"There is a lot of rivalry between the teams," said Peterson. "It's not

unusual to see 200 people, especially at a fraternity game."

The intramural program also involves sports for women too. Women's softball started this week and 13 teams have signed up to participate.

The schedules of all intramurals will be posted in the dorms by assistant director, Martin Henderman and Pam Blatchford, women's intramural director.

In action last week, LAGNAF beat Honkers, 7-0; Raiders beat 4th Dieterich, 13-0; 7th Phillips beat 2nd Dieterich, 8-2; Six Packers beat 1st Richardson, 1-0; Ebony Stars beat the Over-the-Hill-Gang, 1-0; Snafu beat Vet Club, 15-0; Orange Crush beat the Juicehounds, 7-0; and 3rd Dieterich beat 1st Cooper, 1-0.

TIME OUT

By Cheryl Krell
Sports Editor

Despite the 0-3 record of the Bearcats so far this season, comparison of statistics between this year and last shows a slight improvement in the 1979 football team.

Though still somewhat lacking experience and depth, this year's squad is gaining slowly on last year's statistics.

Defensively, so far, the 'Cats are about 115 yards better than they were doing last year at this time. Giving up only 135.7 yards to the run and 132 to the pass, the defense is definitely improving the most. Last year they were yielding 285.7 yards to the rush and 96.7 yards to the pass.

Offensively though, the 'Cats are behind last year's average of 92 yards rushing and 132 yards passing per game. This year they are managing 105.3 yards rushing and 90.7 yards passing, which equals out to being only about 28 yards behind last year. A statistic which is not very far out of reach.

One of the biggest areas of needed improvement though, must be in the 'Cats' punt return game. In action last week against UNO the team returned four punts for a negative two yards. This inability to return punts not only hurt the offense, but the mistakes also made in this area set up a UNO score, which was quickly followed by a flurry of three touchdowns.

By eliminating a few more mistakes and continuing to make progress in the areas of strength which already exist, the 'Cats will still be able to end their losing streak this season.

'Kittens finish fourth

The NWMSU women's volleyball squad finished one point out of the third spot in the Kansas State Invitational Tournament held Sept. 14-15 in Lawrence, Kansas.

"One point would have made the difference in getting third place, that's how close the tournament was," Pam Stanek, 'Kitten head coach said.

On Sept. 14, the NWMSU squad

played Pittsburg State University in a set of two games in which the teams split the pair, 18-16, 13-15. The Kittens also split a pair with the University of Kansas on the same day 13-15, 15-13.

Saturday, Sept. 15, the 'Kittens were downed twice by both Tulsa University and the University of Northern Colorado. The scores of the matches versus the Tulsa team were 6-15, 6-15; and the scores versus the Northern Colorado team were 4-15, 5-15.

"Everyone played really well in the tournament," Stanek said. "We have a lot of young people on the team, but they're doing well."

The Kittens will play the Missouri Western team on Thursday, Sept. 20 in St. Joseph. There will be a best two out of three junior varsity match preceding the varsity best three-out-of-five match.

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He's safe

Fall ball began earlier this year, despite the absence of head coach Jim Wasem who is attending classes at Illinois State University. Former minor league player and Bearcat baseball star, Marty Albertson, is helping to run the program during Wasem's absence and will also help coach this spring. Fall ball is a training program for the new, old, and transfer ball players and is used mainly as an evaluation tool for the spring.

Missourian photo/Greg Thate



Running: A year-round sport to Gordon

By Dwayne McClellan
Staff Writer

"A dream come true" could accurately describe the cross country career of Vicki Gordon, Bearkitten runner.

Beginning her cross country career in junior high by participating in track, Gordon moved up to high school and found out that her school had no cross country program for women.

"The coach told me that if I wanted to I could push for a program since a court decision prevented the discrimination against women."

That year the school created a program and she was given a chance to run.

Becoming All-American as a junior was the highlight of her high school

career. At that time she was considered one of the top milers in the state.

"I was real excited about that honor," said Gordon. "It all started when I received a lot of forms to fill out. They asked me questions about my family, my personal background, my interests and my schoolwork. This was really good since they later included my name and information in a book."

"The same thing happened to me my senior year but since there is a lot of paper work to be sent in I just didn't get the papers sent in on time."

Other honors Gordon received in high school include finishing second in the state 1,500 meters as a senior with a 4:58.34 clocking, winning the mile her senior year, being an anchor on the winning distance medley unit and

finishing second in the 800 meters at state level. Also during her senior year she was named the team's most valuable player.

Gordon's high school success carried right over to college as she turned in many performances her freshman year. She was a member of the distance medley team which set a new indoor school record. She won the 3,000 in 11:18 in a MIAA meet and finished third in the event at 10:44 in the MAIAW championships. Gordon also was the second 'Kitten to cross the finish line at both state and regional cross country competition. She finished 12th at Warrensburg and 24th at Ames, Iowa.

"Vicki's a real strong runner. She'll be one of our leaders. She came on strong with some good times in the 3,000 and the 5,000 near the end of last season and was our number two cross country runner in both state and the regionals last year," said Laurie Potter, women's cross country coach.

Although there are many differences between high school runners and college runners, Gordon believes the main difference is in dedication.

"In college runners are more serious about running than in the high schools. In college only the people that want to run are running and in high school many kids are forced to," she said.

"Dedication is an important part of cross country. A runner spends many hours of hard work a week in order to be ready and in shape for a meet," said Gordon.

During the week Gordon goes through four basic steps to prepare for a meet. Before any running is done, the women go through leg stretching exercises. After this they jog a few miles in order to get ready for the serious running. They then proceed to run a hard five or six miles and at the end of practice they, again, jog a few

more miles to slow down. Leg stretches are performed once more to keep muscles from tightening up.

"At first I didn't like the idea of leg stretching afterwards because I was in a hurry to get home, but it really helped me out a lot as I wasn't too sore the next day," said Gordon.

Gordon has a positive outlook on the 'Kitten team this year.

"I'm looking forward to this year. We need to cut down on the amount of shin splints that we had last year and we need one more strong runner, though," she said.

Cross country is a year-round sport in which it takes a lot of work and time to stay in shape.

"In the wintertime we dress up warm and go out and try to run without getting cold. In the summertime I substitute a little swimming sometimes for my running," said Gordon.

According to many, jogging and running was once on its way out. Now Gordon says, it is on its way back.

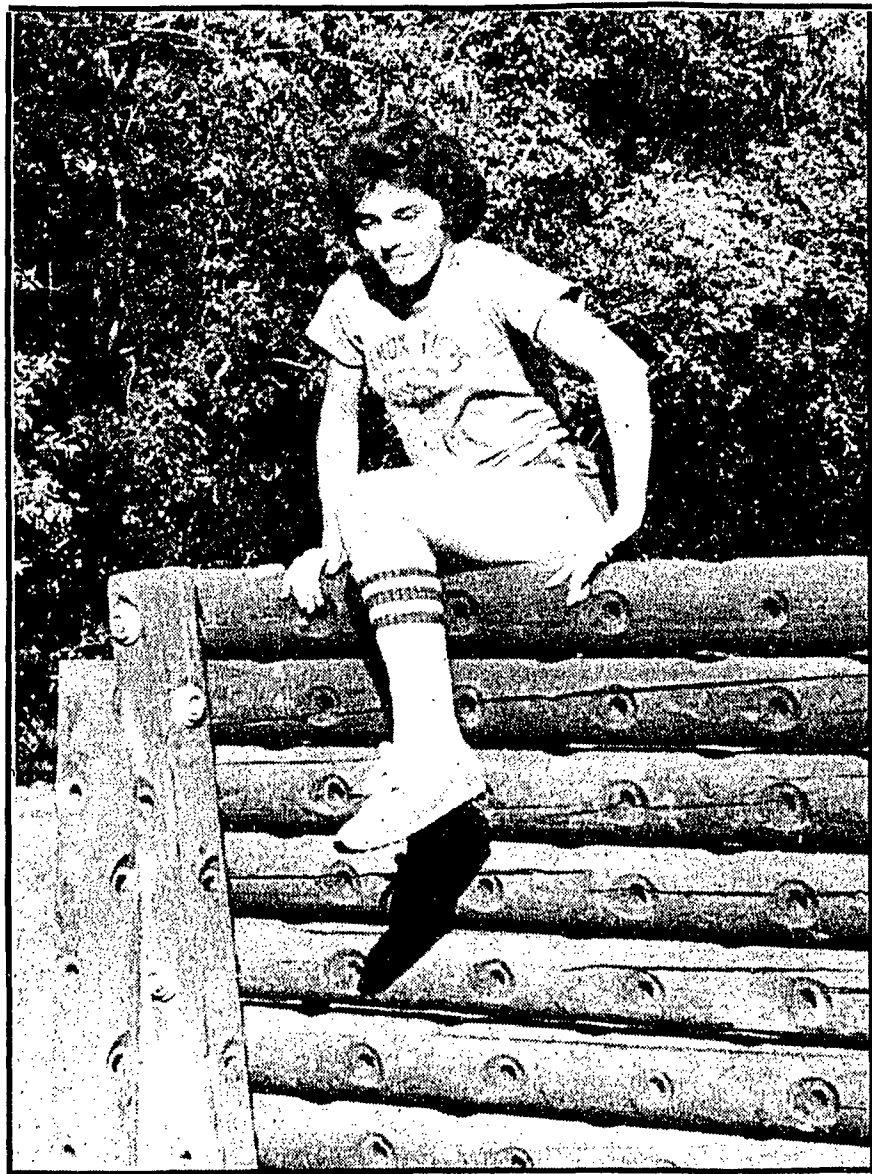
"You see more and more people who are out running. All ages of people are out and enjoying themselves."

Gordon, who is a sophomore at Northwest, says running is her main ambition.

"I always wanted to try college sports and cross country gives me a chance to get away from my studies," she said.

Originally hailing from Shakesburg, Iowa, Gordon graduated from high school in Lenox, Iowa. When looking for a college to attend, Gordon said, "Since Home Economics is my major, most of the schools were either too big or too little. I decided on Northwest because it is just right for what I want to get in to."

The best thing to get out of cross country according to Gordon is "by finishing you have a feeling that you have accomplished something."



Stretching and running, Vicki Gordon conditions herself while running the obstacle trail at Judith Park. Gordon believes that running takes great dedication and must be done year-round to stay in shape. Missourian photo/Noel Weaver



Saviano enjoys job

by Kevin Vall
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It takes many ingredients to keep a football team going smoothly other than the players. One important spice, flavoring the Bearcat system, is senior football equipment manager Rick Saviano.

Quietly, but efficiently, Saviano, a Physical-Health Education major has performed his tasks as equipment manager for four years. The unique part about him though is that he has blended in so well with the organization that many mistake him for a football player.

"I originally came to NWMSU hoping to make the football team as a walk-on," said Saviano. "I had just finished a hitch in the Navy and my ultimate goal was to become a coach. Unfortunately, I got cut because of my size, but Coach Redd and former athletic director Dr. (Mike) Hunter took a personal interest in me and offered me the equipment manager job. Coach Redd told me, 'You don't have to play the game to coach it,' so I took the job," he said.

Having taken the job, Saviano soon found out that it was equal, if not more, time consuming than playing football.

"It's a seven day a week job that never ends. I set up and take down the practice fields daily, travel with the team on road trips, and I'm always at a loss for time trying to keep things organized for inventory," he said.

At practice, Saviano is basically a handi-man, which has led to the title of General Motors' fictional character, Mr. Goodwrench. He is constantly called upon to repair equipment in the middle of practice and many times during a game. During this year's three-a-days he had to put on 80 facemasks.

Asked if he ever gets the urge to join his comrades on the field, Saviano is quick to reply, "Every week."

On Saturdays I'm a different person, just like the rest of the team," said Saviano. "I get psyched up and really get into the game."

His feelings about the 'Cats present losing streak are not happy ones, but he firmly believes victory will come any week now.

"Outside of our mistakes, we're playing good football. If the guys play with the same enthusiasm as the UNO game we're going to win. They're just not going to give up," he said.

When not fixing shoulder pads or changing cleats, Saviano can often be found lifting weights.

"I got started when I was in the service to pass time away," he said. "Now I lift five or six days a week for two hour periods. When the teams lift, I act as a supervisor. I really enjoy it because people sometimes ask me for the correct way to do a lift. It makes me feel good knowing that people appreciate my help and I respect them for that."

Another trait of Saviano is that he is somewhat of a sports trivia buff.

"I enjoy reading, particularly sports novels, with football being my favorite subject."

Although Saviano's mind is full of sports information many fond memories of Bearcat football can be found there also.

"Last year's UNO game in Omaha, Coach Redd asked me to get the game balls out of the wagon. I went to the wagon and found that I had forgotten them. I thought Coach Redd was going to blow up when I told him, but he just looked at the sky and said, 'That's okay, I forgot my raincoat.' That's the way it's been, a relaxed but classy operation."



Rick Saviano, football equipment manager carries the blocking dummies to the field in preparation for a Bearcat practice. Saviano takes care of and repairs all equipment. Missourian photo/Cheryl Krell

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